

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - – Allegation of corruption and non submission of Annual Property Returns against Smt.Ch.Venkataramana Devi, Professor of Biochemistry, deputation as Member Secretary, A.P.State Council of Science & Technology, Hyderabad – Entrustment of the case to departmental enquiry by Commissioner of Inquiries, GAD – Orders – Issued.

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HIGHER EDUCATION (VC.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 867

Dated:-10-11-2010.

Read the following:-

- 1.From the Director General ACB,Hyderabad , Lr.No.264/RCT-CIU/2009, dt.27.10.2009.
2. From the Director General ACB,Hyderabad , Lr.No.264/RCT-CIU/2009, dt.17.5.2010.

O R D E R:

Whereas, it is noticed that, Prof. Ch. Venkataramana Devi, Professor of Biochemistry, Osmania University, Hyderabad on deputation as Member Secretary, A.P.State Council of Science & Technology, Hyderabad was trapped on 20-10-2009 when she demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.20,000/- as illegal gratification, from Sri Annaluri Venkata Lakshmi Narayana, President of Green Cross(Non Governmental Organisation) for doing an official favour of clearing the bills. The A.O was placed under suspension on 28.09.2009 by the Osmania University.

2. Whereas, the Director General, ACB has Hyderabad conducted detailed investigation and submitted his final report, recommending to prosecute Prof. Ch. Venkataramana Devi, Department of Biochemistry, Osmania University, Hyderabad (U/s.) under section 7 and 13(2) read with 13 (1) (d) of P.C. Act, 1988, and also to initiate departmental action for having failed to submission of annual property returns to the Registrar, Osmania University, as per the rules of OU (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1990.

3. Whereas, the Government examined the report of the DG, ACB carefully and found that prosecution of Smt.Ch.Venkataramana Devi, as recommended by the DG, ACB, is not feasible in her case for the following reasons:

- (i) In the mediators report-II drafted on 20-10-2009 on the day of trap, the complainant has stated that he had taken out of the currency from left his left side chest side pocket and offered the same to the accused officer (AO), who in turn accepted the same, with her right hand and the AO kept the said amount in her hand bag contrarary to that in the statement recorded u/s 164 Cr.P.C. on 07-11-2009 before the Special Judicial First class Magistrate, the complainant has stated that the hand bag of the AO had fallen down and he had picked up the same and he himself placed the proposed bribe amount of Rs.20,000/- in A.O's hand bag and there after handed over the same to the AO.
- (ii) The two different versions of the statement made by the complainant create a doubt and the same will be a point of contention in a criminal proceeding before the court. Criminal proceedings demand that charged against the accused be proved beyond a reasonable doubt and given the contradicting statements of the complainant, it is likely to appear that the complainant had made an all out effort to the trap the AO, the AO has been time and again raising the plea that the complainant and certain officials in the department were against her as she was not proceeding according to their liking in discharge of her duties and therefore had a grudge against her to launch a false and motivated complainant.

4. After considering the above points, the Government, felt that it is not reasonable to prosecute Prof. Ch. Venkataramana Devi, Professor of Department of Biochemistry, Osmania University on deputation as Member Secretary, A.P.State Council of Science & Technology, Hyderabad. Government therefore decided to deviate from the recommendations of the DG, ACB to the extent of the A.O. Prof. Ch. Venkataramana Devi, Professor of Biochemistry, Osmania University, Hyderabad on deputation as Member Secretary, A.P.State Council of Science & Technology, Hyderabad. Accordingly, hereby order for enquiry by the Commissioner of Inquiries, GAD.

5. The Director General, ACB is, therefore, requested to furnish draft articles of charges on the allegations of corruption and non-submission of Annual Property Returns, directly to the Registrar, Osmania University, to conduct enquiry duly entrusting the case to COI, GAD, against Prof. Ch. Venkataramana Devi, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Osmania University, Hyderabad, on deputation as Member Secretary, A.P. State Council of Science & Technology, Hyderabad. He is also requested to inform the name of presenting officer to present the case before enquiry officer.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C.R.BISWAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Director General, ACB, Hyderabad.
Copy to:
The Registrar, Osmania University, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, APVC, Hyderabad.
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